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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) PFOR, US, JO, SY, XF

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S TRAVEL

REFS: (A) AMMAN 5841 (B) DAMASCUS 2125 (C) STATE 216836

1. UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTY WITH SYRIANS OVER IFTAR MEAL.

WE HAVE DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH PRIME MINISTER

SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL FOLLOWING DINNER. RIFAI HAS SUGGESTED

THAT IN VIEW OF JORDANIAN PROPOSAL REFTTEL (A) NOT TO SCHEDULE

TALKS EVENING OF OCTOBER 11, IN LIEU OF DINNER

JORDANIANS WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FOLKLORE OR SIMILAR

TYPICAL JORDANIAN ENTERTAINMENT. PROBABLE THAT LIGHT

BUFFET WOULD BE OFFERED SECRETARY, BUT JORDANIANS WILL

UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS ALREADY CONSUMED IFTAR MEAL AT

DAMASCUS.

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2. IN RESPONSE PARA 3 REFTTEL (C), CURRENT LOCAL
TIME OF SUNSET IS 17:30 HOURS LOCAL ACCORDING TO RADIO
JORDAN. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL PERMIT 17:00 TAKE-OFF
FROM AQABA AIRPORT WHICH IS UNLIGHTED AND SURROUNDED
BY PEAKS GOING UP TO SIX THOUSAND FEET.
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